

the Red Cross. She sewed and knit many articles for soldiers in World War One. She was a midwife and practical nurse to all the neighborhood. She helped the doctor deliver 150 babies and delivered four without the aid of a doctor. Besides sewing all the clothing for her eleven children, she did sewing for many of the townspeople.

Joseph and Anna worked as a team in fun as well as work. They loved to dance, travel and visit. They raised a big vegetable garden that helped to supply Park City and the valley with fresh vegetables. Her hobby was to see how many different kinds of varieties of flowers she could raise in this climate. She was the first in the valley to raise peonies and dahlias in her beautiful flower garden. Her gorgeous flower garden was known and enjoyed throughout the valley. Lovely bouquets and baskets have brought cheer to the sick and homebound, to church, festivals and fairs where they have brought many honors.

Joseph and Anna Galli celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and had Joseph lived 14 more days they would have observed their 57th wedding anniversary.

Children of Joseph Galli and Anna Tomine Marie Christensen Galli:

Mrs. Lewis (Ora) Sweat, 1st husband Hyrum Shelton;

Joseph Clarence, married Hazel Sharp;

Mrs. Joseph (Pearl Melinda) Street;

Mary Luella, died in youth;

Mrs. Orvel (Bertha) Sweat;

Ervan Leo, died in youth;

Mrs. (Ruby Ann) Cluff;

Reed, married Zora LeSieur;

Mrs. Francis Alma (Alice Lavina) Probst;

Lewis Leonard, married Florence Edwards;

John Lester, married Edna Mae Lewis Dimich.

## MORONI AND EMILY JANE JACOB GERBER

Moroni Gerber, son of Dr. John and Anna Maria Ackert Gerber, was born October 4, 1856, in Southern Utah, in a dugout where Cedar City is now located. He married Emily Jane Jacob, November 11, 1880, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. He died February 27, 1944.

Emily Jane Jacob Gerber was born May 20, 1862, in Heber City, a daughter of Lu-



cian Heaton and Janet Clotworthy Jacob. She died November 16, 1915.

Moroni Gerber was born under the humblest of circumstances in a dugout in Southern Utah where his family had been sent to colonize. His mother wrapped the new born boy in pieces of old quilts for she had no other clothing. Greens and roots were all the food any of the family had to eat, as their only cow had been stolen.

In 1861 the family moved to Wasatch County, locating near Snake Creek. Moroni attended his first schools in Midway. By the time Moroni was 11 his father had decided to move to Salt Lake where he practiced medicine and the family prospered. Moroni's formal education ended when he was 14, but he never stopped studying, and in later years was a teacher for six years in Wasatch schools.

Early in August, 1870, Moroni suffered a severe attack of typhoid fever, which lasted until the end of September. This same fall the family moved back to Midway and had been settled only two months when Dr. John Gerber died. Moroni was the eldest of the three children at home and had to help his mother who was also ailing. As her health improved she was able to practice as a midwife and practical nurse to aid her family. Moroni took advantage of the family's hand loom to learn weaving and rug making as a means of supporting the family. He also worked in the timber and sawmills. At the age of 19 he and Isaac Jacob began working together hauling logs and timber from the mountains. They sold the lumber and built up credits at the mill in preparation for building their own homes. Moroni finished his in 1878 and immediately moved his mother and sister Adelia into the home.

After his marriage in 1880 Moroni and Emily Jane lived in Midway and about five years later he built a small home for his

a priesthood class when but 16 years old. His greatest desire was to do missionary work; when President asked for volunteers for six months missions, he offered to go and labored in the Southern States with headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1919.

He purchased a farm close to Snowville, and while there he was a ward teacher. He volunteered and was called on two stake missions. He traveled all over the Curlew Stake and visited every family there.

In 1928 he volunteered and was called on another six months mission to California. While there he presided over the San Luis Obispo Branch for five months, went home and planted his spring crops and returned to finish his mission.

In 1939 he moved back to Bear River Stake and was called to do stake missionary work and labored also as a ward teacher until 1943 when he and his wife moved to St. George, Washington County, where they did temple work. Several winters they also spent in Arizona living in a trailer house, doing work at the Mesa Temple.

He was a great missionary and firmly believed that "the worth of souls is great in the sight of God." Besides his own great missionary service, he sent five sons and two daughters into the mission fields. Bishop Francom suffered a stroke and died April 12, 1947.

To the Francom's were born the following sons and daughters:

Myrle Dean, married John W. Kendall;  
Joseph Edgar, married Cora Belle Webb;  
Martha Gladys, married Elmer C. Neilson;  
Vivian Eugene, died December, 1923;  
Delma, married Dale Laub Saunders;  
Glen Coke, married Phyllis Frederickson;  
Wayne Lavar, married Angie Cottle;  
Wilbur Dee, married Nola Kidman;  
Mark Virgil, married Virginia Stoler;  
Farrell J., married Helen Tillotson.

## JOSEPH GALLI AND ANNA TOMINE MARIE CHRISTENSEN GALLI

Joseph Galli, born April 29, 1867, Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County. Son of Peter Galli and Anna Marie Schneider Galli. Married Anna Tomine Marie Christensen March 16, 1888. Died March 2, 1945, Midway.

Anna Tomine Marie Christensen, born April 10, 1870, in Hyorring Amt. Vrielev



Sogn, Denmark. Daughter of Jens Christian Christensen and Ane Katrina Jensen. Married Joseph Galli. Died December 14, 1948, Midway.

Peter Galli reared a large family, but Joseph Galli was the only son to establish a home in Midway to keep the Galli name here.

When a small boy, Joseph herded cows in the foothills for the people of Midway. At the age of 13, he began to work in and around the mines of Park City. He helped install the first hoists at the Daly West and Morgan mines. He was a carpenter, a very successful farmer. Prominent in church and civic affairs. He was the first town Marshal of Midway, served two terms as member of the town board, four years on the Amusement committee, was director of the Irrigation Company and the Water Works Company. He was first in town to pipe water into his home.

He was a ward teacher for 40 years, first assistant in the MIA, counselor in the Genealogical committee. He was a High Priest at the time of his death. He loved Midway and did all he could to build and beautify the town.

Anna came to Utah July 22, 1875, with her parents who were converts to the LDS church. They settled in Pleasant Grove.

She and Joseph made their home in Midway, with the exception of several years spent in Pleasant Grove, Eureka and Park City soon after their marriage.

She was always active in the LDS Church. She served as a Sunday School teacher, Bee Keeper in the YWMIA, Relief Society visiting teacher and leader of the sewing in Relief Society for 15 years, during which time she had the responsibility of sewing and making burial clothing for the dead in the Midway 1st Ward. She was called many times to take complete care of the dead and prepare them for burial. She was active in

mother and sister and moved into the first home he had built.

On December 4, 1887, Moroni received a call as a missionary in the Southern States, and was directed to be in Salt Lake City ready to go eight days later. Even though he was in debt, had nothing prepared for the winter for his family of four small girls, the oldest six, and there seemed other obstacles, he accepted the call and before leaving was able to clear up most of his indebtedness, plan for his family and have means to reach the mission field. Neighbors and friends took care of his land while he was away and through many resources his wife was able to carry on, so that when he returned there was no indebtedness and all was well. Friends even plowed his fields and planted his crop on his return home because of a period of illness he suffered for several months after returning.

About 1891 Moroni purchased 40 acres of ground about a mile south of Midway and moved his family there while he constructed a rock house in town. He did all of the building work himself, except for the masonry. In 1899 the family property in Midway was sold and the Gerbers moved to Uintah County.

Throughout the time Moroni and Emily Jane lived in Midway they were active in serving the community and Church. In 1890 Dr. Karl G. Maeser gave him a special call to organize the first Religion Class in the area. Through most of his adult life he was a Sunday School teacher, beginning his first class at 16. He served as superintendent, counselor, teacher and drama director in the MIA, and produced many plays to obtain funds for building and ward maintenance.

In Midway and in Uintah County Emily Jane supported her husband in his activities and cared for her family of 11 children. She was a faithful Relief Society teacher for many years. While living in Vernal Emily Jane became ill with cancer. She received constant medical attention, including treatment in a South Dakota hospital, but she ailed for 18 months and then died peacefully. Through her illness she was cheerful and her faith never wavered.

After his wife's death, Moroni and his family moved to Provo where the children attended school. He later moved to Mapleton in Utah County to farm, and then lived with his various married children.

During the winter of 1929 Moroni ful-

filled a six-month mission to the Southern States. He also spent much time in genealogical and temple work until ill health at 84 forced him to retire. He continued as actively as possible, and was able to dress himself almost until his death at the age of 87.

Children of Moroni and Emily Jane Gerber include:

Janet A., married to G. S. Bingham;

Mable, married to Ralph Hacking;

Jean Elinor, married to Ellis Merkley;

Florence Rhoda, married to G. W. Richardson;

Irvin Moroni, married to Aurilla McKeey;

Stella, married to E. Ray Gardner;

Ether Lyman, married to Cornelia Hanks and later Minnie Hicks;

Fern Elizabeth, married to Bertrand Swain;

Hugh Jacob, married Edna Elmer;

John Wendell, married Mary Horricks;

Helen, married to Frank W. Jones.

All children of the couple were married in the Salt Lake Temple.

## CONRAD GERTSCH, SR. AND MARGARITHA GERTSCH



The family of Conrad Gertsch, Sr., originally resided in the town of Wengen, Canton Bern, Switzerland, nestled high on the Swiss Alps.

The family was converted to the LDS Church in 1890 by the labors of Conrad Abegglen, Sr. They immigrated to Zion for the gospel's sake on September 19, 1891. They arrived in New York City after a one-month voyage. It took them ten days by train to travel from New York to Park City.

Conrad Abegglen was in charge of the immigrants that consisted of the Ernsbergers, Mitchells, and Mary Fisher. Annie Yates and John Huber were at the Park City depot to greet them. The next day Joe

Abegglen, Rudolph Boss, and Fred Hasler came from Midway with teams and wagons to take these families and their meager belongings to Midway. There were already a number of families of Swiss descent who had settled in Midway. These people welcomed them to the new land which later became their home.

Conrad Gertsch bought a small plot of ground and built a house of sawed logs. He cut enough hay with the scythe to keep a cow. He built a smoke house and smoked meat to help earn a livelihood. His son, Conrad herded cows for the town's people for two cents per head a day on the foothills to help support the family. Later he worked in Snyderville and at the mines in Park City.

The family consisted of Conrad Gertsch, Sr., his wife Margaritha, three daughters, Margaret, Susanna and Elizabeth; and a son Conrad Gertsch. Margaret married John Boss, Sr., as a young bride before coming to America. Susanna married Ulrich Probst and Elizabeth married John M. Huber. Conrad, Jr., was called to fill a mission to his native land ten years after coming to Midway. After his mission he married Elise Durtschi, daughter of Fredrick Durtschi, Sr., whose family he had helped to convert. In later life he married Caroline Durtschi Feutz, daughter of Edward Durtschi, whose family he had also helped to convert in Switzerland.

The children all had their homes adjacent to their parents' home. They all had large families. Conrad and Margaritha Gertsch had forty-two grandchildren. He died of old age at eighty-one years. His wife, Margaritha was cared for by the children but remained in her own home until her death fifteen years later at the age of eighty-four.

### CONRAD GERTSCH, JR. AND ELSIE DURTSCHI GERTSCH AND CAROLINE FEUTZ GERTSCH

Conrad Gertsch, son of Conrad Gertsch, Sr., and Margaritha Gertsch (no relation) Gertsch.

Born February 16, 1877, in Wengan, Bern Canton, Switzerland.

Married Elsie Durtschi June 7, 1907.

Married Caroline Durtschi Feutz January 21, 1953.

Elise Durtschi, daughter of Fredrick Durtschi and Elizabeth Von Kaenel.



Born March 3, 1880, in Faulensee, Bern Canton, Switzerland.

Died October 15, 1942, in Midway.

Caroline Durtschi Feutz, daughter of Edward Durtschi and Rosina Katrina Hiltbrand.

Born September 25, 1883, in Winnis Bern Canton, Switzerland.

Married Gottfried Feutz October 21, 1904.

Married Conrad Gertsch January 21, 1953.

Conrad Gertsch immigrated with his parents and three sisters from Switzerland in 1891. He was 14 years old.

When Conrad was 24 years old he was called to fill a mission to his native land. While there he and his companion, Alma Burgener, preached the gospel to the family of Fredrick Durtschi. This family accepted the Gospel and came to Utah, settling in Midway. About five years after the Durtschi's arrived here, Conrad married their daughter Elise. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple. They made their home in Midway.

As a boy, Conrad herded cows on the foothills of Midway. As he grew older he worked in Snyderville and at the mines in Park City. After his mission he bought land and became a farmer. He served as the Marshal of Midway for two years, and as the town sexton for 22 years. Conrad was a good yodeler and often in the early morning as he went about his chores he could be heard for blocks around yodeling. The Gertsch family brought a number of large,